

## THE OSM CANCELS THE REMAINDER OF THE REGULAR SEASON

**Montreal, April 8, 2020** – Following the decision of the Ville de Montréal to forbid all public gatherings between now and July 2, the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal announces the end of its 2019-2020 regular season.

As such, concerts originally scheduled to take place on May 26, 27 and 28, featuring works by Fauré and Messiaen, are cancelled. As for the concerts scheduled for June 2, 3 and 4, featuring Mahler's Symphony No. 2, the *"Resurrection,"* also conducted by Kent Nagano, they have been postponed to a later date, as have the *Bal d'une nuit d'été* and the *Bal éclaté*, which were scheduled for June 5.

In the current situation, it is impossible to establish new dates for postponed events. These will be announced as soon as the public health situation allows.

As long as public authorities permit, the 2020 Classical Spree, scheduled to take place August 6 to 9, is maintained, including the free outdoor concert on the Esplanade of the Olympic Park presenting Beethoven's Ninth Symphony under the direction of Maestro Kent Nagano.

*"I am deeply troubled by the serious consequences of this pandemic around the world. In this most difficult time, my thoughts are with the greater Montreal and Quebec community, and our collective priority remains to do everything possible to overcome this health crisis. As soon as it is possible, I look forward to once again taking to the podium of this great orchestra that is the OSM and to rejoin my musician colleagues. It will be an opportunity for me to thank our fantastic audience for the 16 magnificent years I have spent as Music Director. It's a rendez-vous I don't want to miss."* - Kent Nagano, Music Director of the OSM

*"The current situation is without precedent in our lives. We hope with all our hearts that all members of the Orchestra's larger community will overcome this great trial with minimal risks to their health, and we hope to be reunited with our public very soon as soon as the public health situation allows"* - Madeleine Careau, CEO of the OSM

Ticket holders for cancelled concerts may convert the value of their tickets into donations, obtain a credit toward the purchase of tickets for concerts of the 2020 Classical Spree or for the 20-21 season, which will be announced at a future date, or receive a reimbursement.

Tickets holders for postponed events are advised to hold their tickets.

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